

INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, focusing on seamless transition and preliminary observations on efforts to im-

prove performance, after receiving testimony from Jo Ann Rooney, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; John R. Gingrich, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE CAUCASUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine democratization in the Caucasus, focusing on elections in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, and how far free and fair elections have come in the Caucasus, and what the United States can do to promote progress in upcoming elections, after receiving testimony from Tom de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Cory Welt, George Washington University Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Christopher Walker, Freedom House, Stephen B. Nix, International Republican Institute, and Anthony Bowyer, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, all of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013, 8:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine "The Responsible Homeowner Refinancing Act of 2012", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the global implications of poaching in Africa, focusing on ivory and insecurity, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine efforts to reform information technology spending, focusing on innovating with less, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine programs and services for native veterans, 12:45 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2076, to improve security at State and local courthouses, S. 2370, to amend title 11, United States Code, to make bankruptcy organization more efficient for small business debtors, the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Paul William Grimm, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, John E. Dowdell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Mark E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Charles Thomas Massarone, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 9 a.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, May 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 3187, Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act, with a series of votes on or in relation to amendments and passage of the bill at approximately 2 p.m.

Upon disposition of S. 3187, Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act, Senate will begin consideration of S. 2343, Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act, with votes on or in relation to a McConnell, or designee, amendment and passage of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.



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